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PRICE \$2 1/2 PER MONTH

## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

November 7. RIO LIMA, Portuguese gunboat, Raphel d'Almada, Macao 7th November.

November 8. DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654. J. M. Marquez, Manila 5th Nov. General: —BRANDAO & Co.

November 8. NIOBE, German steamer, 1,672. Pfaff, Yokohama 26th October, and Kobe 2nd November. General: —STRUMSA & Co.

November 8. PORT VICTOR, British str., 1,827. C. E. Bird, Vancouver, Yokohama, and Shanghai 5th November, Coal and General: —ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 8TH NOVEMBER.

Guthrie, British str., for Foochow.  
Froj, Danish str., for Pakhoi.  
Hatten, British str., for Swatow.  
Tremoult, British str., for Singapore.  
Romada, British str., for Hamburg.  
Batuhan, Dutch str., for Nagasaki.

### DEPARTURES.

November 8. DIAMANTE, British steamer, for Annoy.

November 8. SHEARD OSBORNE, British str., for Singapore.

November 8. NORDEN, Nor. str., for Kuchinotza.

November 8. VENONA, British str., for Europe.

### PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Par Don Juan, str., from Manila—28 Chinese.  
For Port Victor, str., from Vancouver, &c.—150 Chinese.

### DEPARTED.

For Verona, str., from Hongkong—For Singapore.—Lieut-Colonel S. S. S. R. For Sydney.—Mr. T. B. Bennett. For London.—The Misses Brewster (2) from Shanghai.—For Penang—Rev. A. H. Eddy. For Singapore.—Mr. J. F. Leclerc. For London.—Messrs. W. W. King, W. Fox, W. Spors, and W. White. From Yokohama—Rev. Singapore.—Mr. and Mrs. Wyne, Major-Barton, Mr. Wilson. For London.—Mr. and Mrs. Langford, Mr. and Mrs. and native servant, Mrs. G. J. and T. Ross.—For Annoy, str., for Singapore.—Messrs. Hardy and L. H. Gulch, and 2 Europeans, deck.

### NOTICE.

The British steamer Port Victoria from Vancouver, Yokohama, and Shanghai 5th November, reports had strong N.E. monsoon and clear weather with moderate sea.

The German steamer Niobe, from Yokohama 26th October, and Kobe 2nd November, reports had strong N.E. monsoon and clear weather with moderate sea.

### INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

SUPPER will be served in the DINING ROOM on JUBILEE EVENINGS, the 9th and 10th instant, from 10 to 11.30 P.M.

TERMS cash or per Carte.

PARTIES wishing SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS should give notice before 5 P.M. each Evening.

C. M. ROBERTS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1887. [2160]

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has purchased the Steam Launch "CHIN TAI," the Property of the late LEUNG KUNG SHUN, formerly Master of the CHOT LUNG Pawnbroker's Shop. The purchase was made from Decedents' Administrators TANG LAI PUN, KWOK TUN, and Two others. The purchase will be completed on the 2nd day of the 10th month, when the money will be paid. The undersigned will be responsible for any debts contracted by the former Owner. This notice is given in order to prevent future disputes.

YAU CHUNG PENG.

No. 85, BONHAN STREET WEST  
Hongkong, 7th November, 1887. [2165]

### MONEY.

TO BE LENT, on FIRST MORTGAGE of Property in the City of Victoria, the sum of 85,000.

For further Particulars apply by letter to H. B. Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 19th August, 1887. [1586]

### NOW READY.

THE KUNG HO CHIM YU WALTZ,  
and THE FEIHO WALTZES,  
by R. C. PASSMORE,  
published by SYDENHAM MOUTTRE,  
THE PIANOFORTE AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,  
Shanghai.

12th January, 1887. [163]

### NOTICE.

A MANAGER FOR THE TAKU TUG AND LIGHTER COMPANY

### NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS for this Position, to be accompanied by original References and Testimonials, will be received at the Head Office of the Company, Tientsin.

### NOTICE.

The MANAGER will be stationed at Taku, and he will be required to order the movements of the Company's Flotilla, to superintend the Docking and Anchoring of the same, and to keep the records and accounts of the Company at Taku.

### NOTICE.

First-Class Testimonials and References will be required. The Salary is Mexican \$300 per month.

### NOTICE.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

### NOTICE.

By Order of the Directors,

### NOTICE.

W. H. FORBES,  
Secretary.

Tientsin, 4th October, 1887. [1853]

### NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to inform his numerous Customers and the General Public of HONGKONG and our PORT REPUTATION, that she is prepared to SUPPLY FRESH MEATS, VEGETABLES, GAME, GAME FISH, PORK SAUSAGES, &c., &c., to all.

### NOTICE.

All orders will have prompt and careful attention.

### NOTICE.

LAVINIA HOPKINS,  
Corner of Nanking & Szuechean Roads,  
SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, 1st November, 1887. [2111]

### NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS

### NOTICE.

DISCHARGING BOMBY COTTON, and COTTON YARN at the Kowloon Wharves will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival,

### NOTICE.

after which a Rent of 3 cents per Bale per month will be charged.

### NOTICE.

Complete Price-List post free. Agents wanted in all parts.

C. LEUCHS & CO., BRANCH OFFICE,  
17, BARNETT'S GROVE, LONDON,  
Established 1794. [1510]

### NOTICE.

WING TAI & CO.

SHIP'S COMPRADORES, STEVEDORES,

### COAL MERCHANTS.

FRESH PROVISIONS SUPPLIED AT THE

### NOTICE.

SEVENTEEN, PIAZA CENTRAL,  
N. S. PIAZA CENTRAL.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1887.

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor" and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

TELEGRAMS.

TELEPHONE No. 12.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1887.

His Excellency the Governor visited the Ko Shing Theatre on Tuesday evening.

The volunteers will commence rifle practice at Kowloon on Saturday afternoon next.

The Portuguese gunboat *Rio Lima*, Captain Andrade, arrived here on Monday night from Macao.

The meeting of the Legislative Council which was to have been held yesterday has been adjourned until Wednesday, 18th instant, at 4 p.m.

The Agent informs us that the Messengers of Justice steamer *Melbourne*, with the windward French mail, left Saigon at 6 p.m. yesterday for this port.In order to give our compatriots an opportunity of sharing in the Jubilee celebration and display, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow.

THE RIOTS IN LONDON.

Owing to persistent seditious speeches in Trafalgar Square the Police intervened and arrested the spokesman.

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The Amateur Dramatic Club gave their first performance of the season last evening at the Theatre Royal, City Hall. The house was well filled, and among the audience were His Excellency Sir William Des Voeux, who was attended by his Private Secretary, Mr. Slingsby Butfield, H. E. Major General Cameron and Mrs. Cameron. The Band of the Northumbrian Regiment was in attendance under the direction of Mr. Moran, and gave several selections during the evening. The pieces produced by the Club were really two plots to the piece working irrespective of one another: Arthur Middleton's love story, which supplies the pathetic part of the bar, in one of his country towns has met and fallen in love with a rustic beauty, May Rivers. His modesty, however, prevents him making any declaration beyond the presentation to the object of his admiration of a bunch of violets. At the end of a year's time he returns to the same place, accompanied by his father, who has quarrelled with his son. The young man, however, has come to terms with his father, and the young wife has taken to herself to spend their honeymoon. While walking alone Lady Conyers gets into difficulty from which she is relieved by Tom, both parties being of course unknown to each other. Tom's identity is revealed to her, however, by a match-book upon which his name is engraved, which he drops and which she finds. The determination to bring about a reconciliation between father and son takes possession of Lady Conyers, and to secure this she commences flirtation with Tom. This is presently discovered by Sir Conyers, who does not recognise his son, nor is this gentleman recognised by Tom. A terrible row ensues, but matters are eventually explained by Lady Conyers, and father and son are reconciled. This course of duty is not run on easily described, the other plot being worked out at the same time. During the twelve months' interval which has passed since Arthur Middleton's last visit, May Rivers has been wed and won by Cecil Vane. She meets Arthur Middleton in the same Chinese restaurant, and they talk over their last meeting; and she shows him the violet, now "withered leaves" which she has preserved ever since that time. He is just about to declare his passion when Cecil Vane enters. May explains shortly to Arthur his engagement to him and goes out with him. Middleton has discovered, however, in Cecil Vane the man who married his sister under the impression he had a fortune and, finding she had none by his neglect and cruelty, drove her to an early grave. He has an interview with Cecil Vane later which is overheard by May, who of course recognises her lover and bestows her upon Arthur Middleton.

The part of Arthur Middleton is a somewhat difficult one to play, but Major Stevens entirely succeeded in giving a thoroughly good representation of it. In appearance, however, in manner he was the beau ideal of a manly lover. Captain Barbary gave an excellent rendering of the part of the cynical and heartless Cecil Vane while Major Jopp ably filled the thankless part of Sir Conyers Conyers. The fat fast and fat director of Tom Conyers, and in this character Mr. Grace was really excellent. Had the part been specially written for him it could hardly have been better adapted to Mr. Grace's style. From the moment he appeared on the stage he captured his audience and carried it with him to the full of the curtain. Rarely have we seen the part so well played, and never have we seen a character played so well by this talented amateur. Mr. Whit-

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) that the U. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Dardanus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Monday, the 7th instant, for this port.

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It may seem strange that the Japanese coal trade is of such recent growth, considering that the mines are so extensive, and that they have so long. But it is well known that all countries, and other nations, were restricted until within the last decade. Another reason was that there really existed no reliable and constant supply from any other port except English coal, which was too expensive, and Pernosa coal, which, they say, will not burn. Australian coal had not taken its place as a competitor. This will surprise many, with 14,000,000 tons of coal imported, and there are no coal fields in Australia for China with carbon as high as it is remembered also how the number of these ships has been annually increasing. This kind of trade, however, in sailing ships was very different from that which now bids fair to keep a permanent supply on the market. Very rarely did any of these ships take cargoes of coal on their own account, and the coal was always sold to a shipowner, who in turn sold it to an importer. There were no additional options, yet the most of the coal came for private orders, such as steamship companies, gas companies, &c. But now the imports of Australian coal are heavy, and it not infrequently happens that the market is glutted, and there are risks to other Chinese ports.

The obvious explanation of this is the increasing ship trade, and the coal is shipped.

This is the chief cause of the coal being brought from our continent. We buy much from China and China takes little or nothing from us in return. The vessels now employed in the fast-increasing trade return with coal on their own account, as they are unable to obtain general cargo in sufficient quantities to fill up.

Probably there was little ground for the apprehension of a Chinese coal strike, as the coal being driven out of the Chinese coal market by the Japanese article. Because in 1882 and 1883 (July to July) 83 cargoes of Australian coal arrived in Hongkong, amounting to 99,236 tons, which sold at an average price of \$8.82 per ton, during the same period 50 cargoes arrived from Japan amounting to 64,636 tons, sold at an average price of \$9.08 per ton.

But the year 1884 reversed the positions in a remarkable way. In 1884 only 62 cargoes came to Hongkong from Australia, or 88,135 tons, while 67 cargoes came from Japan, or 114,341 tons. The large increase in tonnage is due to the introduction of steamers of heavy burden into the trade. It was wondered, therefore, that many came to the conclusion that Japan was throwing Australia out of the Chinese coal market. But the figures of the Japanese exports, who say that the days of coal trade between Australia and China are numbered.

In the following year there were grounds for a more cheerful view. The number of Australian cargoes rose to 89, and the tons of coal to 124,000. At the same time Japan far outstripped these figures by sending no less than 157,720 tons of coal, or \$8.62 per ton. Japan has not risen very much, meanwhile, but was still a trifle below these quotations, the average price being \$8.55 per ton. Of course the imports of Australian coal were exceptionally heavy, and about 10,000 tons of the quantity were re-shipped to Shanghai. The market in April, 1885, was in an excited state, and a considerable advance took place in the price of the Australian coal, by the participation of the English buyers, and consequently as speculative purchasers. But a sudden drop followed when it became evident that peace would be maintained, and at the close of the date mentioned quotations were ruling lower than they had been for some time previously.

#### OLLA PODRIDA.

They tell a good story apropos of the visit of the two East Indian Sahibs who recently honored our port with a visit. The Sahibs were attached to the Indian Government, and one of them was to be minister and the other of them was to be minister, later on in the morning, that breakfast was ready and waiting for them. "But we can't go to breakfast at all until we've had our prayers. And we can't have prayers till we've got this door open and get at our books."

A curious dish was prepared the other day for a British traveller in Mexico. The attendants served up an omelette, and the servants partook very heartily of the dainty morsel, but the traveller mistreated the food, owing to certain black particles mixed therein. Inquiring as to the nature of the accusations he was made to confess that he had been "the victim of a trick." "Oh, these are scorpions," and an investigation proved this to be true, the lower orders in Mexico thus utilizing the young scorpions, which are dug out, dried in a nest, their sting being out before cooking.

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"To give the cue" is a common phrase. According to many authorities, "cue" in its original sense is derived from the Latin "cauda," through the French "queue," and the same authorities say that it means the last words of a speech which the actor, who has to reply, catches and regards as a notice to begin. This theory is, perhaps, supported by the fact that in French theatrical phrases what we call "the cue" is styled the "relique." But Mr. Wellesworth maintains that the above etymology is quite erroneous. He says that "cue" is derived from "C," the first letter of the Latin "cueps," which used to be marked on the Roman players' parts to show when they were to enter and speak.

A well-known poet of Spain deservedly famous for his work, in the same sense, as the author of "Don Quixote," was a native of Badajoz, and the village which bears his name and surnam against the Bejarans that he was at last arrested, tried and exiled. He was but scarcely endowed with the world's goods, and the wife and children he left behind soon fell into absolute poverty. The poet petitioned Queen Christina for pardon in their behalf, and was at once permitted by her to return to Spain. He obtained a pension, and wanted to give up his life in the service of the Sovereign, and offer the expressions of his gratitude and homage. He was graciously treated, less as the enemy that was than the future friend. Suddenly the Queen said: "You are not rich, sonor; literary men of the best, and you have a large family, have you not?"

"I have six children, your majesty," "Sir," continued the Queen, "and there are three for you, and for me." "Sir," said that day the poet's three daughters were cared for and educated at the Queen's expense, who considers them as her special and personal charge.

Babinet recently entertained a large number of visitors at his home, and several ladies of the city, and the members of the royal family, including the Queen, belonging to the great families. On one of the first nights they found a faded likeness of an old Polish Jew, and wondered how it got there. In answer to their inquiry, Babinet said, with a smile: "That is a person in whom I am greatly interested, and I shall be happy to inform you how we became acquainted. He was very young at the time, and had evidently not been educated in a great town. For a long time I had been sitting in a dark room, but nobody seemed inclined to purchase tickets for a pianoforte recital, and it looked as if my audience would be composed entirely of those to whom free passes had been distributed. Suddenly an old Jew, who had just made a good bargain, came to the desk, threw down a double and said: "I'll take half a dozen tickets."

"This, my first paying heard, caused me much inexplicable delight, and visiting the town several times later, I had him photographed at my cost, in order to have his portrait as a memento of my early struggles."

A singular story is furnished by the Novo Preysa in connection with the recent total eclipse. When Professor P. G. T. Tamm, of Moscow, several messengers ran out of the village of Ozorki with guns to shoot, as they described it "the evil beast that had darkened the face of the sun." But luckily for the professor, the balloon passed them, and came down some considerable distance off. Here four men, including two merchants, were locked up for showing a violent inclination to tear the balloon to pieces. The local police, however, came to the rescue, and the men were allowed to leave, and dragged along the ground. An astronomer who was stationed at one of the observation points on the Volga says that the terror caused among the common people by the eclipse was very great. There was a general fear among them that the world was coming to an end. This idea was strengthened by the curious coincidences that on the previous day the 23rd, it happened to be the 24th chapter of Matthew, in which occurs the prediction that the sun shall be darkened and the stars shall fall from the heavens. The force of this passage was further intensified among the peasantry by a remarkable fall of acrobatics within ten days after the eclipse in several places in the province of Fern.

#### COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, 9th November.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer . . . . . 3/14  
Bank Bills, on demand . . . . . 3/14  
Bank Bills, on 30 days' sight . . . . . 3/14  
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight . . . . . 3/14  
Credits, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/21  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/24

ON PARIS.— Telegraphic Transfer . . . . . 3/95  
Bank Bills, on demand . . . . . 3/14  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/14  
Credits, at 6 months' sight . . . . . 3/14  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/24

ON NEW YORK.— Telegraphic Transfer . . . . . 3/24  
Bank Bills, on demand . . . . . 3/24  
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight . . . . . 3/24  
Credits, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/24  
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ON HONGKONG.— Telegraphic Transfer . . . . . 3/24  
Bank Bills, on demand . . . . . 3/24  
Bank Bills, at 3 months' sight . . . . . 3/24  
Credits, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/24  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight . . . . . 3/24

ON MANILA VIA AMOY.— Telegraphic Transfer . . . . . 3/24

#### SHARES.

Quotations are given in parentheses, and the date of the last quotation. The price obtained is that of the previous day, and the price of the day before.

Bank of China.— 100 per cent. premium, buyers . . . . . 341  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited . . . . . 873 per share, ex div.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares . . . . . 565 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 250 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 105 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited . . . . . 2125 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited . . . . . 756 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares . . . . . 330 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares . . . . . 373 per share.

Shanghai Marine Insurance Company, Limited . . . . . 533 per cent.

Shanghai Fire Insurance Company, Limited . . . . . 1818 per share.

China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares . . . . . 100 per cent. discount, nominal.

Donghai Steamship Company, Limited . . . . . \$48 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares . . . . . \$125 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares . . . . . \$195 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited . . . . . 2147 per share.

Hongkong Sugar Refining Company, Limited . . . . . \$55 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares . . . . . \$55 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited . . . . . \$110 per share.

Perak Mining and Smelting Company . . . . . \$110 per share.

Perak and Singapore Tin Mining Company . . . . . \$154 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 18 per share.

Hongkong Royal Manufacturing Company, Limited . . . . . \$60 per cent. discount, nominal.

Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited . . . . . 60 per cent. discount, nominal.

Hongkong & Kowloon Water and Godown Co., Limited . . . . . 45 per cent. premium.

Singapore Insurance Company . . . . . \$18 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—7½ per cent. premium, nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—6½ per cent. premium, nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E—9 per cent. premium, nominal.

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THE Spanish Steamer

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Manoa, Pascua & Co., Manoa.)

November 9th.

Bromometer . . . . . 30.06 45 — — —

Barometer . . . . . 30.07 45 — — —

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## EXTRACTS.

## THE OPOSSUM.

The opossums form the only members of the marsupial class now living outside Australia; and yet, what is at least equally remarkable, none of the opossums are found *per contra* in Australia itself. They are, in fact, the highest and best product of the old dying marsupial stock, specially evolved in the great continents through the fierce competition of the higher mammals than being developed on every side of them. Therefore, being later in point of time than the separation, they could no more get over to Australia than the elephants and tigers and rhinoceros could.

They are the last link for life of the marsupial race in its hopeless struggle against its more developed mammalian cousins.

In Europe and Asia the opossums lived on lustily, in spite of competition, during the whole of the Eocene period, side by side with hog-like creatures not yet perfectly pigish, with nondescript animals, half horse, half tapir, and with horrid forms of deer and antelopes, unprovided, so far, with the first rudiment of budding antlers. But in the succeeding age they seem to disappear from the eastern continent, though in the western, thanks to their hand-like feet, opposable thumb, and tree-haunting life, they still drag out a precarious existence in many forms from Victoria to Chili, and from Brazil to California.

It is worth while to notice, too, that whereas the kangaroos and other Australian marsupials are proverbially the very stupidest of mammals, the opossums, on the contrary, are well known to those accurate observers of animal psychology the plantation negroes, to be the very cleverest, and most of American quadrupeds. In the fierce struggle for life of the crowded American lowlands, the opossums were absolutely forced to acquire a certain amount of Yankee smartness, or else to be improved off the face of the earth by the keen competition of the toothless mammals. Up 'till the day, then, when Captain Cook and Sir Joseph Banks, landing for the first time on the coast of New South Wales, saw an animal with short front limbs, long hind legs, a monstrous tail, and a curious habit of hopping along the ground (called by the natives a kangaroo), the opossums of America were the only pouched mammals known to the European world in any part of the explored continents. Australia, however, from all the rest of the earth, *paratus* to seize division, remained as yet, so to speak, in the secondary age as far as its large life elements were concerned, and presented to the first camera a certain vague and indefinite picture of what "the world before the flood" must have looked like. Only it was a very remote flood; an antediluvian age separate from our own not by thousands, but by millions of seasons.—*Cornhill Magazine*.

## CURIOUS LAWSUITS IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

Everybody knows that migrations of grasshoppers were a bad plague in Biblical times, and even before that. Ever since then, remote countries this plague has not ceased to distract mankind, accompanied or followed by failure of crops, by famine and pestilence.

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